



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

April 7, 2013

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Jon Ewing

Scripture Reading:
Acts 5:12-32

#515
#843
#961

Opening Prayer
Jerry Young

#203

The Lord's Supper
Jeremy Thurlkill

#568

Contribution
Jeremy Thurlkill

#732

Lesson
Bill McFarland

#255

Announcements
Eddie Sanders

#822

Closing Prayer
Kyle Buckner

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. (Matt. 5:14)

Spirituality in the Church

The twelfth chapter of 1 Corinthians is evidence that spiritual gifts were never a guarantee of spirituality in people. Human beings too easily mistook the experience for the responsibility and began to measure all things by the attention and fulfillment it brought them personally. That tendency is still with us, and a scriptural and healthy grasp of what spirituality in the church means is perhaps the only antidote.

Spirituality in the church springs from the realization that all of us draw our life and vitality from the same source. If we are alive in Christ, it is because we have in one Spirit all been baptized into one body and because we have all been made to drink of one Spirit (v. 13). Each of us owes everything to the same Spirit, the same Lord, the same God (v. 4-6).

Spirituality in the church develops as we turn our attention toward acting in the common good (v. 7). This is otherwise known as loving, and it is the intentional behavior which gives many to any ability or function in the body.

Spirituality increases in the church as we begin to realize that, even though we may be different from others and not able to do the same things others may do, we still belong (v. 14). After all, a body functions by having members that serve different purposes (v. 17). Besides, God put them there himself (v. 18)!

Spirituality in the church deepens through respect of the fact that we need each other so badly (v. 21). In fact, it is not the outstanding and impressive parts that enable the body to flourish, but the ones who operate without much notice at all—and this also is the design of God (v. 24). Appreciation of behind the scenes service is such a mark of spirituality!

Spirituality in the church brings us to a unity (v. 25). When we are thriving spiritually, we have the same care for one another. When one member suffers, all suffer together; when one is honored, all rejoice together (v. 26). That is what a healthy body does.

“Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it” (1 Cor. 12:27).

—Bill McFarland

Prayer List & Notes

Welcome Visitors

We are honored that you joined us. We hope you will be blessed by your time with us. We have an attended nursery, a cry/training room and a nursing mother's room for your convenience if you have small children. Please fill out an attendance card and pass it to the end of the pew so that we may thank you for your visit.

For The Record

March 31

Bible Study:	231
Morning:	401
Evening:	215
Wednesday (4/3):	217
Contribution:	\$26,254



Elder of the Month
Eddie Sanders

In our prayers ...

♦ Continue to remember [Eula Compton](#), [Dale Harp](#), [Thelma Fain](#)

- ♦ [Rylee Simons](#) will have her tonsils out Tuesday
- ♦ [Scheryl Larimore](#) as she recovers from surgery
- ♦ [Norman High](#) as he continues to recover from his surgery and begins chemo treatments tomorrow
- ♦ [Tom Meeks](#) as he deals with his ongoing health problems
- ♦ [Tim Timmons](#) is dealing with a torn or detached retina and will know tomorrow if he will need surgery.
- ♦ [Leona Snider](#) as she deals with her need for hip replacement (which hopefully will be in May)
- ♦ [Blanton Glenn](#) as he continues his struggle with prostate cancer
- ♦ [Karen Duncan](#) is still recovering from a recent fall

Friends & Family

- ♦ [Brandon & Allison Snider](#) and unborn baby; pray that baby doesn't come too early
- ♦ [Bobby & Lisa Kern](#) (David & Debbie's son) and their unborn baby
- ♦ Betty Grabber's niece, [Lindy Holley](#), has serious health issues
- ♦ Bonnie Cole requests continuing prayers for her nephew, [Scott Golden](#)
- ♦ [Nova Crosby](#), Sue Holt's mother, as she deals with health issues
- ♦ Continue to remember Gene Lund's brother, [Bill](#), who has cancer; Johnnie Elliff's sister, [Annie Hysaw](#) and Carolyn Young's sister, [Nita](#)

Prayer Request: Nancy Snider responded Sunday asking for prayers for herself and for Wayne who is in poor health.

- ### Long Term/ Shut-ins
- Kay Adams
 - Shirley Bartlett
 - Doris Burch
 - Eula Compton
 - Fern Davis
 - Thelma Fain
 - Ella Mae Findlay
 - Lucille Ford
 - Milton Ford
 - Chloe Gaddis
 - Allen Harmon
 - Doris Iorg
 - Irene Johnson
 - Carol Law
 - Carol Mahon
 - Wilma Melton
 - Betty Shaw
 - Doris Thomason
 - Doris Tobler
 - Judy Todd
 - Pat Woods



We all rejoiced along with John and Teresa as [Gabe Mahon](#) made the decision to put on Christ in baptism Wednesday evening. Be sure to give Gabe a hug and offer your encouragement to him as he begins his new life as a Christian.



Birthdays

- 15 Brigett Breckner
- 16 Alan McElwain
- 17 Fern Davis
- 20 Norman High



Congratulations to all the LTC participants for a job well done last weekend. Thank you for your dedication and for all your hard work!

Thank you to all the ladies who worked so hard to make the Ladies Day a very special day!



Daily Bible Reading Schedules for 2nd Quarter are available on the information desk. If you have gotten behind on the 1st quarter reading, now is a great time to start over.

THERE ARE STILL SEVERAL AREA GOSPEL MEETINGS AND A LADIES DAY EVENT SCHEDULED OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS INCLUDING LECTURESHIP AT CROWLEY'S RIDGE COLLEGE. SEE BULLETIN BOARD FOR DETAILS.

News & Activities



⇒ April 21—YN at Rogersville at 5 p.m.

⇒ April 26-28—Youth Retreat at Hammons Mill; Willie Franklin will be guest speaker



POTLUCK TODAY AFTER AM SERVICE. We especially invite our visitors to stay and enjoy good food and fellowship.



If you are graduating this spring from high school, college, trade school, etc., please turn your name into the office as soon as possible so we can make final preparations for the Graduates' Reception.

Upcoming Events

- Golden Agers meet today at 4 p.m.
- Elders meet Tuesday at 1 p.m.
- Quilters (and those working on Sashay Scarves) will meet Tuesday, April 16 at 10 a.m.

Elders, Deacons and Preachers will meet next Sunday at 3 p.m.

Game Night

Water Mill Adult Game Night on May 3rd. We'll be having a battle of the sexes game of "Cranium" at 6pm. There will be pizza and drinks, just bring \$5 and some sweets. Teens are invited to come watch kids and eat free pizza. (There is a trophy on the line!) Any questions ask Travis or JJ.

The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook.

"Good sense makes one slow to anger, and it is his glory to overlook an offense." (Proverbs 19:11)

Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

Elders

Barney Crawford	417-866-0592
Clay Joseph	417-833-3002
Eddie Sanders	417-833-5712
Bob Snider	417-833-3498
Jerry Young	417-724-0324

Minister

Bill McFarland	417-833-0110
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Golden Age Minister

Dennis Smith	417-866-6918
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Youth/Associate Minister

Adam Blaney	304-520-9800
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Deacons

Scott Barton	Russell Lilly
Tim Bowling	Aaron Morrison
Tim Buckner	Travis Morrison
Tom Davis	James Simons
Jim Elliff	John Stayton
Jon Ewing	Mike Thurlkill
Matt Keener	

Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian



THEY WERE CALLED TEMPLE SERVANTS

By Dennis R. Smith

In reading from the Old Testament we perhaps remember the great heroes such as Moses, Joshua, David, and Daniel while overlooking a small group of servants called Nethinims (NEHTH - uh - neams). Also, if following the newer translations, often the name of this group is not given and in place thereof they are called "temple servants." Their history dates back to Joshua 9:23-27 when there were Gibeonites who deceived Joshua. Because of their pretentiousness they were taken in as slaves and made to be hewers and carriers of wood and water and scrubbers of temple utensils. As time went on they were included with others from the Israelites who were taken captive into Babylon and even some returned to Jerusalem along with those mentioned in the books of Ezra and Nehemiah. (See Ezra 2:58; Nehemiah 10:28). It would seem that they were a group with a non-Jewish background but who were content with just being slaves or servants in the house of God. While many things changed with the worship of God, as is authorized by the New Testament, yet we surely can receive a great lesson from this group of temple servants. The Apostle Paul wrote "But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Rom. 6:17-18). Shouldn't we then be content as were the Nethinims when we are faced with menial opportunities which have little prestige but are necessary to the work of the Lord in his church? Amen?

Schedule of Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study9:00 AM
 Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 AM
 Sunday Evening Worship...5:00 PM
 Wednesday Night Bible Class....7:00 PM

WORKS WE SUPPORT

CHINESE AGAPE Foundation
 Joey & Tammy Treat, Northern Mariana Islands
 Voice of Truth International
 Charles Renfro, Latin American Missions
 World Christian Broadcasting
 Churches of Christ Disaster Relief
 Fair Haven Children's Home

“In Search of the Lord’s Way”
 7 AM Sundays KOLR TV 10

‘KNOW YOUR BIBLE’
 10:30 AM Sundays/Springfield 33/KSRP



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Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett
Greeters: Tom & Gin Crumrine
Van Driver: Kevin Wuensch/833-6134
KYB Phone: Daniel Meinsen/E. Thieszen

Serve Aaron Morrison/Tom Norrell
Communion: Travis Morrison/Steve Prewitt
 Chris Wiseman/John Stayton
 Aaron Schwartz/Adam Stipp
 James Simons/Jerry Stockdale

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Paul Lines
Opening Prayer: Barney Crawford
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Aaron Alexander
Communion: John Dutton/Jackie Freeze
Nursery: Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

NEXT WEEK, April 14

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	Paul Lines
Opening Prayer:	Larry Baggett	Van Barnes
Communion:	Ron Stokes	John Dutton/J. Freeze
Closing Prayer:	Brendan Carroll	Tom Easterly
AM Nursery:	Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn	
PM Nursery:	Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll	
Greeters:	Verl & Karen Duncan	
Van Driver:	AM James Simons/PM Tucker Jobs	

MONTH OF APRIL

AV Scott Barton/
Room: Linda Barnett
Open Building Tim Timmons
Secure Building: Justin Reaves/
 Tim Buckner

Wednesday, April 10

Devotional: John Mahon
Song Leader: Briley Ewing
Prayer: Bob Snider
Van Driver: Tim Stockstill/
 849-7678